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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51, 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, Applicants identify the art set forth on PTO Form 1449 as references in connection with this case.

All of the cited art, including Bogner et al, U. S. Patent 6,626,120; Crabb et al., U. S. Patent 6,565,730; Romans, U. S. Patents 5,542,364 and 5,392,707; Wintersteiger et al., U. S. Patent 4,896,616; and Tye, U.S. Patent 4,285,444 are collectively described on page 1, lines 9-26 of the present application and such patents are believed to be of general interest. Copies of all of the above patents have been provided.

It is noted that copies of Crabb et al., U. S. Patents: 6,401,638; 6,374,759; 6,325,005; and 6,109,109 (which are mentioned in the present application) have not been included as

such references are related patents and believed to be essentially duplicative to the disclosure of Crabb et al., U. S. Patent 6,565,730 cited above.

None of the references cited herein teach or suggest Applicant's claimed invention.

It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a proper form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Applicants or their patent attorney may have been exposed to or considered art relating to the general class of the subject invention. However, if in fact such exposure or consideration has occurred, to the best of their recollection and judgment, none of such art is prior art which is believed to be material to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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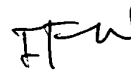
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